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SUBJECT: SIERRA LEONE SPECIAL COURT PROSECUTOR CANDIDATES -  
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¶1. As instructed reftel, USUN Legal Adviser contacted UN Deputy Legal Counsel Larry Johnson to share US views on candidates to replace Desmond de Silva as Prosecutor for the Sierra Leone Special Court. Earlier in the day, the same information had been passed to UK Legal Adviser Huw Llwelllyn who indicated that London is also reviewing the names and many propose a candidate.

¶2. Johnson, who previously worked at the ICTY, said that he knows Dermot Groome and Stephen Rapp. He asked that we provide CV's for both candidates. Johnson indicated that Luke Cote, a Canadian, has submitted his name for consideration as has Chris Staker (para 3 reftel). He said that the Canadian government has not yet taken a position on Cote's candidacy.

¶3. Johnson said that he was unsure of the timeline for the selection and expects to have further consultations with the SLSC Management Committee on the matter.

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